

HEADQUARTERS, U. S. FORCES, TEXAS,

MATAGORDA ISLAND, MARCH 8TH, 1864.

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GENERAL ORDERS,

No. 28.

I. In obedience to orders from Head Quarters Dept. of the Gulf, the Post of Indianola will be evacuated. All public property which has not already been removed to Matagorda Island and which cannot be carried on the wagons will be at once loaded on transports, and the troops will march to Matagorda Island, on the instant, in the following order:

All the means of transportation—the section of siege guns, and two regiments of Inf'rtry, punctually at 5 o'clock, A. M.

Six regiments of Infantry and the 16th Ohio Battery, at 8 o'clock, A. M.

The remaining Infantry regiments and the 7th Michigan Battery, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

All the mounted force will remain a mile in rear of the last detachment.

All citizens wishing to remove to Matagorda Island will be permitted to do so, and such effects as they can carry will be transported on the steamers and lighters.

Brig. Gen. Warren will collect all watercraft of whatever description, in the vicinity of Indianola, and forward it under proper guard to the Quartermaster at Matagorda Island.

II. The 34th Iowa Vols., and Battery "F," 1st Mo. Light Artillery, are for the present, attached to the 1st Division, 13th Corps, and their commanders will report accordingly, to Brig. Genl. Warren, for orders.

III. On arriving at Matagorda Island, Brig. Gen'l Warren will detail one Regiment of Infantry to take Post, with Battery "L," 1st Indiana, on McHenry Bayou, and will establish a picket of one officer and twenty rank and file, on Big Bayou, on the north side of Bayucos Island. Battery "F," 1st Mo. Lt. Artillery, to take post within the first line of works south of Fort Esperanza, and one regiment of Infantry to take post just beyond the "Irishman's," about ~~two~~ ^{ten} miles from Fort Esperanza. The remainder of the forces will take post within the advanced line of works near the "Englishman's."

IV. All officers, of whatever grade, will encamp with the commands to which they belong.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL

N. J. T. DANA.

B. WILSON,

Capt. & Asst. Adjt. Gen'l.

OFFICIAL:

Capt. and A. A. Genl.

